



## PLEASE HELP PROTECT LAKE GEORGE FROM AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES BY FOLLOWING THESE GUIDELINES:

### CLEAN

**Clean** and remove all visible plants, animals, fish, and mud from your boat, trailer, or other equipment and dispose of in a suitable trash container or on dry land.

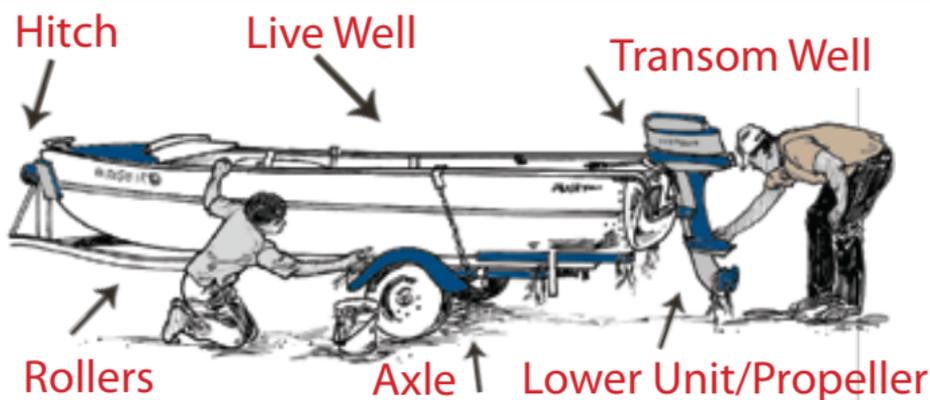
### DRAIN

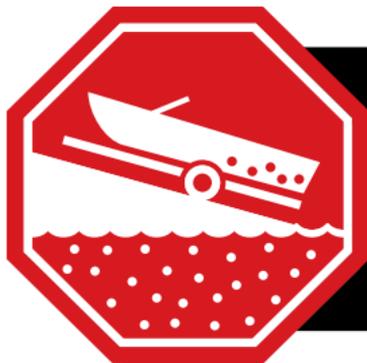
**Drain** water from bilge, live wells, ballast tanks, and any other locations with water before leaving the launch.

### DRY

**Dry** your boat, trailer, and all equipment completely. Drying times vary depending on the weather and the type of material. **At least five days of drying time is generally recommended during the summer.**

## WATERCRAFT CHECK POINTS





# STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!

PREVENT THE SPREAD OF INVASIVE SPECIES.

CLEAN  DRAIN  DRY

## Invasive Species to Look Out For:



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### Water Chestnut

- Triangular leaves with toothed edges
- Forms dense floating mats
- Seeds & plants attach to trailers



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### Zebra/Quagga Mussel

- Tiny, "D" or oval shaped striped shells
- Covers hard surfaces & sharp shells cut feet
- Attach to plants, boats, and hard surfaces



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### Eurasian Watermilfoil

- Feathery leaves in whorls of 4
- Forms dense beds
- Plant fragments attach to boats & trailers



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### Spiny Waterflea

- Tiny, 1/2" crustacean with long, barbed tail
- Competes with fish for food
- Masses collect on fishing line



D. Moorhead, R. Vidéki, Bugwood.org

### Hydrilla

- Blade-like leaves in whorls of 4-8
- Forms dense beds
- Plant fragments attach to boats & trailers



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### Live Bait

- Non-native crayfish and minnows
- Alters aquatic habitats & may carry pathogens
- Often released or illegally stocked



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### Asian Clam

- Small, round gold/brown shell with ridges
- Outcompetes native mollusks
- Microscopic juveniles transported in water

